

## Nostalgic Notes from Edwin Noyes

*(Here are some of the observations Edwin Noyes made and some he did not have time to make at a meeting of the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society in 1963 - Ed.)*

The Rural Society was founded in 1883. From time to time, though not regularly, a brief report was included in the annual report of the town. In 1889 the report said we are now about 5-1/2 years old and have 90 members. We would like to have many more. Any person may become a member of this society on the payment of 50 cents annually, or its equivalent of labor.

In 1903, when the society had 75 members, it had little to report. The watering trough at Hall's Corner has been put in order and the one at the Point will be this Spring. The society has little money, being entirely dependent on the membership fee. If anyone can suggest a way to waken public interest and increase the membership the secretary will accept suggestions. There is a great need of public dumps off from the main streets, as the unsightly one on Powder Point Ave. testifies.

The following year the society bought the dump on Powder Point Ave. from Nora Smith for \$300 and, "as soon as funds permit plan to remove the rubbish and make it ornamental." The sum of \$165 of the purchase price was collected from residents on Powder Point.